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Subject : Re: NJ Tells Tandy, don't sell 800MHz scanners in NJ.

In article <feustelC9CwAz.GvK@netcom.com>, feustel@netcom.com (David Feustel) wrote:

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> New Jersey is just competing for the number one position in the list
> of U.S. Police States.
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> Dave Feustel N9MYI <feustel@netcom.com>
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> FREE! FREE!!! THANK GOD ALMIGHTY! FREE AT LAST!

How could there be any competition? The People's Republic of New Jersey is clearly in first place. What other state would pass a law making it illegal for me to order an egg over easy in a diner? (I must be protected by Big Nanny in Trenton from the danger of salmonella). What other state would pass a law confiscating legally purchased and registered "assault weapons" from their owners without compensation, and word the law so vaguely that even BB guns qualify as "assault weapons"? What other state would pass a law fining the parents if a child is caught riding a bicycle (even in the front yard) without a government-approved helmet? What other state would pass a law restricting the number and type of lights that a property owner can have on after dark? Our rules on recycling of wastes and the proper preparation and bundling of garbage were clearly written by a committee composed of sadists and anal obsessives. In the next township over, there is a "shade tree committee." Before doing any more than minor pruning on a tree on his property, a homeowner must go before this gang of busybodies and beg permission, then pay a fee for the privilege.

In the township where I live, the local government imposed severe residential lawn watering restrictions, and blamed an inadequate distribution system. The politicians promised that if the voters approved bond issues and tax increases to pay for a new water tower and mains upgrades, the township would have an adequate water supply. The voters duly approved the taxes, and the tower and upgrades were installed. Now the politicians have reneged on their promises and have decided that the

restrictions must be kept in effect, since "by using less water, residents can make an important statement about their concern for the environment." In other words, so that a gang of lawyers and party hacks can feel good about themselves, yards can burn up. Next they will probably pass a law restricting the number of baths or showers we are permitted to take.

I have friends who have lived most of their lives in Eastern Europe who swear that, except for the knock on the door in the middle of the night, government under Communism actually was less intrusive, arrogant, and in-your-face than here in NJ. And in Eastern Europe, the bulk of the population despised the government and its regulations, whereas here it's obvious that most New Jerseyans LIKE to be heavily taxed, bossed around, regulated, and told just how to live their lives. The people of New Jersey today would break Thomas Jefferson's heart!

 Welcome to New Jersey
 Everything Not Forbidden is Compulsory

Flamethrower off...
Now back to ham radio policy

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